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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER TO MACHEL

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1. DURING AUGUST 1 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL, AMBASSADOR DELIVERED TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER CONTAINED REFTEL. AFTER TEXT HAD BEEN TRANSLATED INTO PORTUGUESE, MACHEL MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:
A) INDIAN OCEAN, AFRICAN STATES BORDERING OCEAN WILL HAVE MEETING SOMETIME IN FUTURE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. AS MACHEL SAID AT COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, MOZAMBIQUE DOES NOT WANT AN INDIAN OCEAN CLOSED TO OURSIDERS, BUT RATHER A ZONE OF PEACE WITH NO FOREIGN BASES.
B) SHABA, MACHEL CRITICISED FRENCH ACTIVITIES IN ZAIRE, COMOROS, AND WESTERN SAHARA.

2. TURNING TO US MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS, MACHEL NOTED THAT THEY HAVE IMPROVED AND SAID THIS DEMONSTRATED THAT NATIONS WITH DIFFERENT SYSTEMS CAN HAVE GOOD RELATIONS. MACHEL STRESSED MOZAMBIQUE'S DESIRE FOR US INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION. HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S LETTER IN NEAR FUTURE.

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3. AMBASSADOR NOTED UPCOMING VISIT OF AID'S SADAP TEAM TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO ASSIST INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND SAID THAT DURING UPCOMING CONULTATIONS HE WOULD CHECK ON PROSPECTS FOR PL-480 FOOD AID FOR MOZAMBIQUE AMBASSADOR ALSO SAID HE WOULD TALK TO A NUMBER OF US COMPANIES ABOUT POSSIBILITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE AMBASSADOR GAVE MACHEL FIGURES ON VERY FAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE

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WHICH MOZAMBIQUE HAS WITH US ($51.8 MILLION IN 1977), AND MACHEL
WAS IMPRESSED BY AMOUNT OF US IMPORTS FROM MOZAMBIQUE.
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